

FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF AGING
April 8, 2013

COA MEMBERS	DOA STAFF	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	GUESTS
Hermine Bernstein	Sue Ramsburg	David Gray, Comm		Jane King, JPI
Rae Ann Butler	Pat Rosensteel	Millard Haines		Steve Bruns
Ernell Graham	Carolyn True	Louise Lynch		Hazel LaCoste
Carol Krimm, Alderman		Debra Savageau		Patricia Kissner
Mary Rice		Dan Yeeles		Joseph Berman
Virginia Skelley				Sonja Sperlich
Steve Wilhide				

- I. **Call to Order** – RaeAnn Butler called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions** – RaeAnn welcomed all attendees.
Guests were present so introductions were made around the table.
- III. **Action on the Agenda** – There are no additions to the agenda.

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IV. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting were approved with revisions. All were in favor. The minutes of the March 11th meeting were approved with one revision. The date at the top of the first page should be March 11, 2013 instead of December 10, 2012. All were in favor.

V. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Gray was not present at today's meeting.

Alderman's Report – Alderman Krimm announced that the Planning Commission meeting is tonight. There will be a decision made on whether to divide the CCRC/MAL property. There appears to be no significant reason to deny the plan at this time.

The City is currently working on its budget.

Status of CCRC/MAL – RaeAnn Butler – Sonja Sperlich and Joseph Berman were present at today's meeting to talk about the proposed sale of CCRC/MAL facilities. The process has been moving forward very quickly. Three bids were selected for review by a committee of five. There is one participant from the Board of Trustees on the committee. Public hearings will be scheduled, possibly as early as May. The Board of Trustees is very limited in what they can do. *Friends of Montevue* is a group that has been organized as a support alliance. Sonja distributed information sheets regarding this group. The group plans to be a presence at tonight's Planning Commission meeting. Alderman Krimm expressed that solid motivation is needed in order for the Planning Commission to deny the plan to divide the property. Some suggested ideas in an attempt to delay the process including parking, deed issues, and traffic congestion in the area. Sonja encouraged all attending today's meeting to attend the Planning Commission meeting tonight at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Aging Needs Assessment Update – Jane King, RaeAnn Butler – Jane distributed copies of the draft survey which will be used for the needs assessment. There have been many revisions to the original document. There is a recreation assessment currently being done by another agency so that portion of this survey will be reduced. Jane reviewed each section of the survey. Commission members made suggestions and comments on the survey. Some of the main topics covered in the survey are transportation, healthcare, employment, recreation, and housing. The survey will be approximately six pages in total. Anyone with other suggestions can email Jane at kingjane0@gmail.com.

RaeAnn circulated a survey distribution sign up sheet. Commission members were encouraged to sign up to distribute the survey to senior

groups with whom they associate. Timing is very important. It is vital to receive as many responses from a variety of age groups. A redraft should be available within a week and the survey will be ready for distribution soon after.

Nominations Committee Report – Ginny Skelley for Millard Haines

Last Thursday, three Commission member recommendations were presented to the BoCC. Irene Packer and William Mosley were approved. Ken Berlin was not approved.

Hazel LeCoste was here as a guest today. She has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Commission and she has been interviewed by the Nomination Committee. Hazel gave a brief overview of her background and experience. Hazel was excused from the room so a vote could be taken. There was some discussion about her status as a service provider. It was decided that Hazel would be considered a service provider, and currently there are no openings on the Commission for a provider. The by-laws allow that no more than twenty percent of the Commission to be service providers. Ms. LeCoste was thanked for her willingness to serve and encouraged to return as a guest.

- VI. Potential Impact of Sequestration on the Dept. of Aging – Carolyn True** – The Department is still waiting to hear how programs may be affected by the anticipated reduction in funds. The USDA food grant has been cut in half. One federal grant was cut by 4.4 percent. Carolyn is hoping to have final numbers relating to the Older Americans Act grants later this week. There is a tentative plan in place if a reduction in funding occurs.

Winchester Hall location for future CoA Meetings, RaeAnn Butler

It was a good decision to not have this month's meeting at Winchester Hall. There are many missing members at today's meeting and the meeting did not start on time. Members will need to allow more time for arrival. Parking will be in the parking deck across the street. There was some discussion regarding the pros and cons of having the meeting televised. It is a good way to get word out to seniors who may be watching at home. Ginny made a motion to have next month's meeting televised at Winchester Hall; Hermine seconded it and all were in favor. It was decided to have one meeting televised and make a decision after that meeting whether to have more meetings televised. Members will need to arrive early for parking and allow time to sign in at the front desk before going to the third floor meeting room.

- VII. TSAC, Alderman Krimm** – Alderman Krimm attended the meeting last week. There is some discussion at the state level in regard to

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transportation of dialysis patients. There are still part time openings for Transit Plus drivers.

State CoA, Louise Lynch – Louise was not present for this portion of today's meeting. No report.

Partners in Care, Ernell Graham – Ernell attended the Partner's in Care meeting this morning as liaison for this commission. Transportation is still the major concern for this organization. Ernell reported the volunteer hours for the first quarter. There was some discussion at this meeting regarding the upcoming needs assessment survey. This organization offered to make sure their members received a copy of the survey.

Friends of MoW, Louise Lynch – Louise was not present for this portion of today's meeting. No report.

USM, Ginny Skelley – Ginny was not able to attend the most recent meeting. There is a new President to this legislative organization.

Adult Public Disabled Review Board, Mary Rice – This group will meet again in June.

Maryland Access Point, Carolyn for Kathy Schey – No report.

Director, Carolyn True – Carolyn left the meeting early. No report.

VIII. Announcements, All – Edenton raised \$2,200 during their Friends of MoW fundraiser.

There will be a program at FCC on Friday, April 26th. The topic will be Aging in Place. The class will be held from 9:00am-3:30pm.

There will be a drug disposal event at the Keys Stadium parking lot on April 27th. They will take all medications but do not accept medical supply waste.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

Frederick County Commission on Aging
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April 30, 2013. CoA Executive Committee meeting, 1:00 sharp at Frederick
County Dept of Aging

May 13, 2013, Commission on Aging, 1:00 at **Winchester Hall, 12 East Church
Street, Frederick, MD. third floor hearing room. Please allow time to park
and sign in at the security desk.**